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PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

“Preparing for the future...today”

From the Principal

Don't worry about failures. Worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try. –Jack Canefield

Preschool & Associated Programme

As of Semester 2 there will be a change to our Preschool service. A letter was sent home on Tuesday 18th June after the Governing Council made their decision about the Preschool service moving forward. For the remainder of 2019, the Preschool will receive 2 days of service from a Preschool teacher and 3 hours of service from an SSO. These 3 hours will be delivered combined with the Junior Primary Class. The days for Preschool each week will be Tuesday (8:30am—3:30pm) and Thursday (8:30am—1:30pm) with the Preschool teacher and Friday mornings (8:30am—11:30am) in the Junior Primary Class with an SSO.

With this change, the Associated Programme will come to an end with the last session in Week 10 of this term.

Please refer to the letter sent home this week or contact the School if you have any further questions.

Preschool NQS Assessment

Although we have a change to our service, Padthaway Preschool will still undergo the National Quality Standards assessment and rating this year. Every 3 years this assessment comes about to ensure that the education provided to Preschool children is in line with Australian Standards. Ours will occur in the final weeks of Term 2 or at the beginning of Term 3.

I wish Hayley all the best during this period of assessment.

Sandi

From Term 3, Sandi Key will be taking leave for the remainder of 2019. After taking leave, Sandi has decided that at the end of the year she will retire. Sandi has worked at Padthaway School for 43 years and in that

time has worked as student support, administration and as Library support. Sandi has worked with many families connected to the Padthaway community and is now working with the children of some of the parents she once worked with. Sandi is a great asset to the Padthaway community with an extensive knowledge on the history of the school and how things work behind the scenes. We will celebrate Sandi at the end of term assembly. This will be in Week 10 on Thursday (July 4th) at 9:00am.

Staff Update

In Term 3 Ebony Capurso will be returning from maternity leave. She will be working Wednesday, Thursday and a half day Tuesday. Sam Exton will continue to work Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Ebony and Sam will share a half day on Tuesday to aid in the handover of information on students. They will also run Health classes with a focus on Sex Education, which will provide time to separate into different gender groups. The students will also have time to develop an independent study project on Technology. Sam is working with Ebony to inform her of the routines and set-up of the Class and to bring her up to date with what we are working on in the Upper Primary class. We welcome Ebony back to Padthaway.

Mental Health Ambassadors

This year Padthaway is participating in the Mental Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors programme with 7 different schools from the region. School ambassadors D'Arci Bell, Callum Hancock, Kiele Longbottom and Samara Robertson have attended their first meeting where they learnt about the difference between mental health and mental illness and heard Nick Mulraney of Headspace speak about wellbeing. Our ambassadors are currently planning a lesson to teach to each class to highlight their learning from the first session and have some excellent strategies and tools to teach

the students.

The ambassadors will create a Wellbeing and Mental Health display at the Front Office before the end of Term 2. Please keep an eye out for the display, as it will be filled with opportunities to learn about your wellbeing and how to support others with their wellbeing.

Reports

Our teachers have been extraordinarily busy preparing reports for the end of term. A great deal of thought and effort contributes to the informative and comprehensive reports for each of our School's Reception to Year Seven students at the end of terms two and four.

Children, teachers and parents experience some anxiety around report time. While this is a natural feeling, it is important that we keep some perspective regarding the process of assessment. As a general rule we should support and celebrate our children's successes, however large or small.

All children will take different pathways and handle learning challenges using different strategies. At the end of the day, all we can ask as teachers and parents of our children is that each child does their best and follows a learning pathway that brings with it a sense of self-confidence and self-worth.

Teachers report on student achievement using the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards. These standards are required to be met by the end of the year and this semester report provides you with a progress report as to how your child is progressing in their current year. When reports are delivered in Week 10 we encourage you to discuss with your child/ren achievement and effort levels in each curriculum area.

New Students

We welcome 2 new students to Padthaway this week. Kobi in Year 6 and Axel in Year 4. We welcome the boys and Mum, Christine and Dad, Glen to Padthaway!

Olivia



SRC News

In the SRC meetings we have been discussing lots of wonderful ideas. There will be a Sports Colours Day on Tuesday of Week 10 and there will be a note coming out for

it later this week.

We have had lots of good feedback from Cubbies, including sharing and helping out other people and groups.

Bailey, SRC President



Sports News

Well done to Anna who is going to Darwin for Cross Country in September. Last week the Sport Captains set up a game of 'jailbreak' for anyone who wanted to play. Lots of people came and played jailbreak and I'm sure everyone had lots of fun.

Ned, Year 5



Choir News

This week Robyn Jaeschke came to Padthaway for her yearly visit to help our Choir with their solos and some of the songs we have not nailed yet. The choir members who would

like a solo will be videoed by Mrs English on Friday. This week we will be doing the song *The Colour of Your Jumper* without the background singing. I am really looking forward to doing this. In 1993 an Australian singer/songwriter named Archie Roach was inspired to write a song called *The Colour of Your Jumper* after the indigenous AFL player, Nicky Winmar.

Just a reminder choir will be held on Thursdays from now on so bring your choir book.

Lily, Choir Captain

Miss Clothier

This term we have been learning about dodgeball in PE, Aboriginal paintings and World explorers.

I am proud of myself in PE because we have a sticker chart and I have earned 8 stickers. My favourite subject with Miss Clothier is PE because we get to play around and learn different games. I look forward to doing History with Miss Clothier because I really enjoyed doing the Aboriginal art on the poles out the front of the school. A skill that I would like to develop is comprehension of Miss Clothier's instructions so I can understand what to do during our lessons. A goal for myself this term is to complete the sticker chart because I really want to get a reward.

Sam, Year 4

What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

The Preschool children have been engaged in bookmaking this term.

To develop their understanding, we have been exploring picture books written by Nick Bland. Nick Bland writes books including *The Very Noisy Bear*, *The Very Cranky Bear*, *The Very Itchy Bear* and *The Very Hungry Bear*.

We have been developing our book-handling skills, learning about book structure and talking about concepts of print.

The children have been making their own books. This is an exciting experience because the children feel like real authors making real books! This helps children understand the power of written language as a way of expressing their ideas and sharing their experiences.

Hayley



Parent Help Books

The School has many resource books for parents and caregivers on raising and supporting children at different stages of development. These are available for you to borrow from the Front Office if you are interested.

If you currently have any on loan please make sure these are returned by the end of the term.

Mrs Holmes in R/1/2

Mrs Holmes has been in our class this term because she wants to be a teacher. In our class she has been learning from Miss Brookes about how to teach kids. She has also been learning from us about how kids act and how we learn. We really like having her because she helps us learn and she's nice to talk to. It's cool that we are her first class and I'm excited that she will teach us about teamwork with games next week. Mrs Holmes is doing a good job of learning!

Felicity, Year 2

Maths Farm Project

We have started making mini farms to use our knowledge of area and perimeter. Our challenge is that we must include different farm objects with 2D shape bases. All farms must have a triangular pig pen, hexagonal chicken pen, rectangular sign and square sized barn. I've created a sign and a fence.

Matthew, Year 4

Ned and I used a ruler to measure a 2cm tall fence that goes around our entire mini farm. The area of the farm must be under 600cm². We made a sign that says 'Bunyill Farm'. I'm taking on the challenge to build a pig pen. We are also thinking of creating little farm animals once the maths is done.

Anna, Year 4

Albie and I have been trying to make a hay bale shed with a rectangular base. We are challenging ourselves to make hay bales out of cardboard. Next lesson we will be using hot glue to stick down the gates and roof for the shed.





PCW Spot

As I write this column I have a piano tuner in the next room working on my Grandma's old piano. It was carted here on dirt roads on the back of a ute

12 years ago and has never been tuned. So the tuner has a massive job on his hands. Pianos are complex! Up to 12,000 parts make up the 88 notes. Each note has up to 3 strings. Each of these strings needs to be individually stretched or slackened with a wrench to get the right sound.

This reminds me of our School, and our families. Our School is one complex instrument, made up of many individual parts. Each part makes its own noise. Each part is unique. Each part contributes to the tune. Each part is vital. This also means that each part needs to be tuned separately. Whilst students are bunched together in classes and groups, they are each beautifully individual. Let's celebrate our children's uniqueness, the noise they make in this world (sometimes it sounds glorious, other times it's challenging), because it's these sounds that make up the symphony of life. As parents and carers it's not our goal to make every note sound the same, but to gently tune each one and to have their unique sounds blend to make a harmonious whole that can rise to the challenges and create music together.

Joke: You can tune a piano but you can't tuna fish!

Lisa

5/6/7 News

At the start of this week we welcomed a new student to our Class. His name is Kobi and we are excited to have him here.

Last week we started to make our own bottle rockets in Science. Most of us were in pairs for this. On Tuesday we had a competition. Lily won with a little bit of Mr Exton's help. In Technology we have been practising our typing in the Computer Room. Some of us are really trying to use more than one or two fingers. Also in Tech we are learning about QR codes. On Tuesday we made our own QR codes. In Economics and Business we are updating our spreadsheets. So far, we are on track to the \$1400 we hope to cover. This is the last week of E&B. In Health we are making an advertisement to advertise physical activity. This is the week that we have to hand it up. In Miss Clothier's lesson we are finishing up our Media Arts project. We are filming and some might be editing already. In History with Miss Clothier we are looking at what is Australian, migrants and what migrants packed to come to Australia.

D'Arci, Year 6



Life Education

Life Education wants young people to live safe and healthy lives. Padthaway School has chosen to partner with the team at

Life Education to support school based drug and health education.

You can catch a glimpse of what Life Education does at: <https://youtu.be/CQUq3C6AZqA>. Each class will have the opportunity to experience the unique, fun and exciting learning centre with a focus on safety, medicines and responsibilities in the community.

Governing Council News

Governing Council held their 2nd meeting for the term this week on Monday 17th June.

Olivia presented on development with the 2019 Site Improvement Plan and the evidence presented demonstrated the progress students are making with reading and writing.

Adam Box, Education Director for Wratttonbully, attended the meeting to discuss the modifications to the Preschool for Semester 2, 2019. Olivia presented the possibilities for the Preschool moving forward with the Governing Council voting on the best fit option for Padthaway School. A letter was sent home to parents from the School informing of this change. Please ensure you have read the information.

The Governing Council also expressed their support for the School to continue to seek funding for the National School Chaplaincy Program which funds our School PCW Lisa. Funding for this program is up for review moving into 2020 and will last until 2022.

Our next meeting is on Monday 5th August in Week 3, Term 3.

Community News

Padthaway Playgroup

Playgroup is held on Friday of the odd weeks of term from 10:00—11:30am. Playgroup is held during the Preschool session and allows greater social opportunities for children.

Next Playgroup date is Friday 28th June.

Padthaway Medical Centre

Consulting hours with Dr Sarah Willoughby are 9:00am—5:00pm every Monday and from 2.00pm Thursday afternoons in the Padthaway Medical Centre. To make an appointment please phone Robe Medical Clinic on 8768 2012 or Padthaway Medical Centre (Mondays and Thursday afternoons only) on 8765 5063.

A Note from Sandi

Hi Everyone,

After 43 years (with some time off for Steph), 19 Principals, 9 Finance/Admin Officers, 13 SSOs, 69 teachers and 928 students, I have decided to retire at the end of this year. I will be taking Long Service Leave in Terms 3 and 4, so I will finish at school at the end of this term.

I have come full circle. I started as Class and Library Support and now finish in the same role, with many variations in between. It has been an interesting time.

I have enjoyed seeing the students grow and develop into young adults. Some are now older adults with their own children at Padthaway Primary School! Cheryl once introduced me to a new family with – "Sandi and I went to school together." She just forgot to mention that I was the SSO and she the student!

Thank you to all our families for your support and friendship, and thank you to all our students for the respect you show me (Rooley still calls me Mrs Key!).

I wish you all well,

Sandi



SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



Missy McGregor

I am proud of myself for being a big buddy for the Preschool kids because I can show them lots of responsible choices.

My favourite subject is Maths because we get to practise measuring with rulers. I've learnt which side to use to measure in centimetres.

I look forward to doing Visual Art at school because I have fun while I make better pictures with neater outlines and colouring.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to read up to Level 13 because that means I'll be working hard on my reading and striving for excellence.

A skill I would like to develop is remembering my sight words because it helps me get better at reading. I already know 66 but I want to learn 100.

A goal for myself this term is to get more words from the Vinny Vocabulary wall to use in my learning time and the Big Write.

So far this year I have loved doing Nature Play when they visited because it was interesting to build stuff and make things using natural bits like sticks, leaves and gum nuts.

Missy, Year 1



Lucy Tiver

I am proud of my artwork drawing of a lion because the lion stands out with all the different colours we get to choose.

My favourite subject is Reading because I get to read my book this term—*Bad Dad* by David Walliams. I enjoy reading and the Reading Stamina helps me read for longer and keeps me focused.

I look forward to performing in class concerts at the end of term because I get to show people what I have learnt and the challenges of performing in front of others is helping me overcome stage fright.

I would really like to have my pen licence by the end of the year so that I can brag to Mum and Dad that I have nice writing.

I would really like to improve on my football skills, in particular marking, kicking and running long distances because in football these skills are important.

A goal for myself this term is to write nicely and get my pen licence because I want my classwork to be neater.

So far this year I have loved doing my work on computers and learning new programs in Word documents. This is important to me because in the future more people will use computers.

Lucy, Year 4



Samara Robertson

I am proud of myself for improving in my core list Spelling test and not giving up so easily. I have also been trying really hard in Maths when it gets hard. I make sure I keep asking for

help. My favourite subjects are History and Maths. In History I am learning about Australian history and this is really interesting. In Maths I like the challenges Mr Exton sets and I am learning how to work through worded problems so they are becoming easier!

I look forward to doing Geography with Miss Clothier because I will be learning about the features of Australia and other countries.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to get all of my core list words right and improve in my self-confidence when I talk in the front of the Class.

A skill I would like to develop is to know my 1-12 times tables by heart and do them without thinking. Times tables are important for your whole life.

A goal for myself this term is to be able to kick a football properly because I can then practise with Matthew and play 'marks up' or the 'footy game' at school. I also want to play football.

So far this year I have loved Economics and Business because I have a chance to sell to our School. I enjoy raising money and hope we get enough for camp and for our Class.

Samara, Year 7

Dates to Remember

27-28 June

Life Education Visit

3 July

Enviro Warriors: Conservation Park

4 July

Assembly 9:00am

5 July

End Term 2. Early dismissal 2:30pm

22 July

Begin Term 3

5 August

Governing Council 6:30pm

22 August

Big Day Out: Preschool-Year 1

30 August

Student Free Day

2 September

School Closure Day—Show Day

3 September

Student Free Day

Tuck Day

25th June (Week 9)

Pasta Bake

Helpers

Bron Longbottom

Reanna Metcalfe

*Muffins—Kirilie Turner

2nd July (Week 10)

Pot Luck

Helpers

Emma Cooper—muffins

Tanya Frick

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